



February 1, 2005

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Dear Mr. Grossenbacher:

**Dirk Kempthorne**  
Governor, State of Idaho  
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February 1, 2005 begins a new era of research in eastern Idaho. Today we see a new name, the Idaho National Laboratory, and a new contractor, Battelle Energy Alliance. These changes emphasize the Department of Energy's commitment to revitalizing our national laboratory and securing its place as a world-class research center.

**Larry E. Craig**  
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We expect INL to be a research leader in national security, energy, and environmental science. That includes improving our nation's ability to protect our communication, power and other essential systems, developing nuclear energy technology, and enhancing our ability to address environmental contamination.

Achieving this vision in our changing global economy will require investments in laboratory infrastructure and resources. It will also require collaboration among government, private enterprise and educational institutions.

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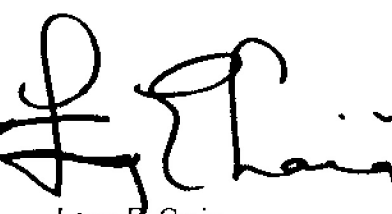
We turn our focus to the future while remembering lessons from the site's past and its prior contributions. We appreciate Battelle Energy Alliance's dedication to worker safety, environmental protection, and public involvement.

As we embrace change and the opportunities that accompany it, we must also ensure some things remain constant—eastern Idaho's talented workforce, strong sense of community, and pioneer spirit. These have been key ingredients in the site's success and will provide a strong foundation for its future.

**Mike Simpson**  
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Today we renew our commitment to being strong advocates for the site and proudly begin a new research era.

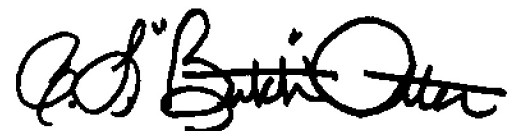
  
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